

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Water Supply

IT is easy to appreciate the Reform Club's exorcised in its mind by the drastic water supply restrictions which Government has imposed. This week the Club is reflecting the state of mind in which the community as a whole is held at this time.

In its letter to the Director of Public Works, the Reform Club, rather unfairly we feel, suggests that it alone has conceived the danger to public health attendant on the latest supply system. But surely it is inconceivable that the advice of the health authorities was not sought, or that their mature judgment was not taken into consideration when it was decided to apply the new restrictions?

Government is accused of taking an unnecessary "calculated risk," but this complaint is based on a difference of approach to the water problem. In the case of the Reform Club the premise is that it is unlikely the monsoon rains will fail to materialise. Government bases its action on the possibility of a prolonged drought extending into the summer months.

THE official attitude to the timely arrival of substantial rains is one of caution; that of the Reform Club of hope, based on the claim that usually we receive our monsoon rains. In fact, past years lend substantiation to both attitudes. It is, for example, well to remember that as recently as 1954, splendid spring rains were followed by a drought which extended through to August; in other words the monsoons failed us.

On the assumption that the worst will happen this summer, the new system of supply is justified. Government conceives it is essential that daily consumption should be reduced to an average of 17 million gallons which, based on current reserves, provides the Colony with a bare sufficiency of water for about 80 days. That at least gives the Colony a little borrowed time should the late May rains not arrive.

FROM the point of view of reducing public inconvenience and possibly lessening the dangers of epidemics, the Reform Club suggestion of a restricted water supply every 36 hours instead of every 48 hours possesses its merits. But, of course, the argument that if the monsoon rains break the present restrictions will have proved unnecessary would apply also to the 36-hour system. On the other hand, if the rains are seriously delayed, it will mean the Colony has consumed water which it would dearly like to have to meet an even more acute emergency.

Government cannot fairly be castigated for its current water policy. Whatever it does is to some degree a calculated risk. It has to be recognised that the supply position is precarious and that the chances of immediate improvement are extremely slim. It is proper that the authorities should make as least harsh as possible to the general public its measures for dealing with the situation, and if therefore, Government believes it could adopt the Reform Club's alternative system of supply without jeopardy to all other considerations, the community would heartily welcome such a move.

MARSHALL PLAN FOR S'PORE

'All Or Nothing At All' Demand

FULL CONTROL OF INTERNAL SECURITY WANTED

London, May 1.

The all-party Singapore "Merdeka" delegation today pledged a joint memorandum to the Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd. Informed sources said the delegation unanimously reaffirmed its demand for complete control of Singapore's internal security.

Germany Gives 'No Secret Deals' Promise

London, May 1.

Dr Heinrich von Brentano, West German Foreign Minister, today pledged that no German Government would be prepared "either today or tomorrow" to conclude any secret deal with Russia and "betray the solidarity of the Western cause."

"We know that the German questions and its solution does not depend on Germany alone or the Soviet Union alone, but requires the common consent of all those represented at the Geneva (four-power) conference and the German people," he added.

The minister, who is now on a three-day visit to Britain, was answering questions after speaking at a lunch given in his honour by the Foreign Press Association.

He stressed that West Germany would not evade any discussion on German unity if she were asked, but those should not be with Russia alone but also include the three Western powers.—Reuter.

European Shot Dead In Goa

Goa, Apr. 28.

An official communique issued today said Senior Maciel Chaves, a Forestry Department engineer, was shot dead on Thursday at Pata, in the Satal District of Goa, by a group of terrorists from the Indian Union dressed in uniforms similar to those of our police.

He is believed to be the first European to be killed since the dispute with India over Goa began.—Reuter.

(The receipt of this cable was delayed.)

100 Injured In Riot

Algiers, May 1.

More than 100 people including two police were believed to have been injured in a riot which broke out in a downtown street here today after a funeral service in the Arab quarter.

Only about 10 were sent to hospital. Two policemen and a Moslem were wounded when a policeman's submachine gun fell and went off accidentally.

The riot occurred when police tried to disperse 4,000 Moslems who paraded down a main street after the funeral of a Moslem who was killed by the police on Sunday in an anti-terrorist operation.—France-Press.

Sultan's Son Dead

London, May 1.

Tengku Abu Bakar, the second son of the Sultan of Johore, died at a hospital today after an operation. He was 36. A former official in the Johore and Malayan Government services, Prince Abu had lived in London in recent years.—United Press.

Duke Tells Boys: 'You'll Make A Mess Of It, Too'

London, May 1.

The Duke of Edinburgh said today he had confidence that the younger generation would make "just as big a mess" of things as his own generation. "In fact, you are absolutely bound to

make mistakes in life—everything in the world is changing so quickly," he told boys of Ipswich School.

"The only thing I hope is that you will not make the same mistakes that we did. I expect that

even that is asking too much."

He said he was reluctant to speak, because he remembered when he was a schoolboy he used to think: "What a lot of nonsense these people talk."

The Duke closed with "traditional" advice—"which you will, equally traditionally ignore: avoid bigotry, admit your mistakes and be reasonably modest about your success."—United Press.

LAST MINUTE HITCH FOR HAMMARSKJOLD

Jerusalem, May 1.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjold, today decided to postpone his return to Rome and to stay in the Middle East.

A last-minute hitch in his plans for an Arab-Israeli ceasefire was the reason. He was to have returned to Rome tomorrow.

Instead, Mr Hammarskjold will fly to Damascus tomorrow to confer with Syrian officials.

According to usually reliable Israeli sources, Mr Hammarskjold told Israeli leaders today that Syria would agree to a ceasefire only if Israel agreed not to resume work on her Jordan River project at Benot Wawoc, in the demilitarised zone, south of Lake Huleh.

These sources said Israeli leaders expressed surprise at this as they had been given to understand that the Israeli-Syrian ceasefire would be unconditional, on the same lines as the Israeli-Egyptian ceasefire.

The Secretary-General conferred today with Israeli leaders. He will meet them again tomorrow before flying to Syria.

'Keep Away' Warning

Israel suspended work on the Benot Wawoc Jordan River irrigation plan two-and-a-half years ago, pending urgent consideration of the matter by the United Nations Security Council.

Israel claims it has the right to resume the work at any time. According to reliable Israeli sources, Mr Hammarskjold also discussed with the Israeli leaders today the situation in the Sea of Galilee, a trouble spot where Israeli forces raided Syrian positions last December killing 55.

General E. L. M. Burns, the Chief of United Nations Truce Supervisors, who attended today's talks, suggested at the time that Israeli fishermen should stay away from the north-eastern shore.—Reuter.

Three Die In Ship Fire

Edinburgh, May 1.

Three crew members died in a fire which broke out early this morning in two cabins of the 6,333-ton British steamer Cairnavor, berthed at Leith Docks.

A carpenter Thomas Brownlee, 32, a galley boy, Robert Robson, 18, and a pantry boy, David Blane Raughy, 18, were trapped in their cabins and later found dead.

Another man and a woman were taken to hospital suffering from burns and shock. Two cabins and part of the Cairnavor's superstructure were damaged. The cause of the fire is not yet known.—United Press.

DEGREE FOR TRUMAN OPPOSED AT OXFORD

London, May 1.

Oxford University today decided to confer on the former United States President Mr Harry Truman an honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law after overruling an objection that he was responsible for ordering the atom bombing of Japan.

The objection was raised by Miss Gladys Elizabeth Anscombe, a tutor in philosophy at Somerville College, who asked the University authorities: "If you do give this honour, what Nero, what Genghis Khan, what Hitler or what Stalin will not be honoured in the future?"

Miss Anscombe's objection was overruled after Mr Alan Bullock, Censor of St Catherine's Society, said Mr Truman was not the only one responsible. He spoke of the "generous help" given by the former President after the war to Europe and the world, and said it was due to Mr Truman that the United States did not "regain its isolationism" at the end of the last war.—France-Press.

BOAC Gets New Managing Director

London, May 1.

Mr Basil Smallpiece, Deputy Chief Executive of BOAC, was today appointed Managing Director.

This followed the recent—and much disputed—appointment of Mr Gerard Derlanger, banker and civil air authority, as part-time unpaid Chairman in succession to Sir Miles Thomas, who held a full-time appointment.

Today, representatives of BOAC staff declared at a meeting: "There are competent staff better qualified to assume the position of chairman."—Reuter.

Poujade Summoned

Paris, May 1.

Anti-tax campaigner Pierre Poujade was ordered by a judge today to appear in Court on June 14 on charges of "organising mass refusal to pay taxes."—France-Press.

HE'LL DIRECT BRITAIN'S FIRST H-TEST

From CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, May 1.

The man who will bear the enormous responsibility for dropping Britain's first hydrogen bomb from an aeroplane was named tonight.



Margaret's Rolls Bumps Car

London, May 1.

Princess Margaret's Rolls-Royce bumped fenders with another car today.

The Princess was driving her own Royal limousine from Sandringham to London with a chauffeur and a detective riding with her. The accident occurred at Stanborough.

The front bumper of her big car was bent and the fender-mounted rear-view mirror of the other car was knocked askew. The Princess drove on to London after the accident.—United Press.

'SIBERIAN LABOUR CAMPS REVOLT'

Former Prisoner Tells Of Uprisings

Vienna, May 1.

Construction work on Russia's top secret artificial sea project in central Siberia came to a complete halt earlier this month when riots flared in three slave labour camps, an Austrian recently freed by the Russians said today.

The ex-prisoner, who spent 11 years in various Russian prisons and slave labour camps, said more than 200 political prisoners of the camps and at least 12 MVD secret police were killed in a battle which followed the uprising.

The Austrian, who asked his name be kept secret, said the riots took place in the camps of Verkhnevolzhsk, Verkhne Imbatskoye and Mirnoye, all located on the Yenisei River, about 600 miles north of Tomsk.

Heard About Stalin

The three camps are located in the area of the Yenisei artificial sea project. The Russians plan to dam the waters of the Yenisei and other central Siberian rivers and form a huge sea, aimed at irrigating vast areas in Siberia.

The Austrian said the uprising was led by political prisoners molested during the purges of the Stalin era who demanded their immediate release after they had learned of Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin.

He said first information on the new anti-Stalin course reached the camps through several hundred Georgians who were arrested and sent to Siberia for their participation in their 1955 demonstrations in March protesting against the Kremlin's new course.

Leader Shot Dead

On the evening of April 3, shortly after dinner, the prisoners formed a delegation and demanded immediate release. The demand was directed to the commander of the Mirnoye camp, a Capt. Gorolnikov, who flatly refused any discussion with the prisoners. When a member of their prisoners' delegation repeated the demand, Gorolnikov shot and killed him. Immediately, other prisoners stormed his office and he was stabbed to death. Later, they seized prison guards and quarantined them, the ex-prisoner said.

A few hours later, two other camps were also in the hands of the political prisoners who were supported by the criminal convicts.

The riots were quelled the next day by heavily armed special MVD troops stationed in the Novosibirsk region district.

DULLES' HINT ON NEW NATO

Washington, May 1. The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, said today the forthcoming Paris meeting of the Atlantic Council would be "an important meeting, because I think it is generally realised that the North Atlantic community needs to organise itself into something more than a military alliance."

Speaking at Washington, before boarding a plane for Paris to attend the Nato meeting, Mr Dulles said: "This does not imply that the military aspects of Nato have outlived their usefulness. On the contrary, it remains essential to maintain the military strength and unity of the free nations."

"It is the strength and unity which have contributed to the present disposition of the Soviets to de-emphasise violence as an instrument of their international policy."

"If we want that happier condition to continue, we must continue the policies which brought it about."

'NEW WAYS'

"But the North Atlantic community is held together by sentiments far more profound than fear, and by objectives far more fundamental than military strength. I hope and expect that at this meeting we will begin to search out new ways to express our common purpose."

Mr Dulles is flying to Paris to start a week of intense diplomatic activity in which 15 Foreign Ministers will hold discussions on European and World problems.

The discussions will increase in scope as the week progresses, with the three-day meeting of the Nato Council, the centrepiece of a whole series of official and private discussions.

All 15 Foreign Ministers will attend the Nato Council session, but there will also be two-way discussions between the Big Three Foreign Ministers: Mr Dulles, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, and M. Christian Pineau.—France-Press & Reuter.

SCOTS CONDEMN B & K VISIT TO QUEEN

London, May 1. The Free Church of Scotland today criticised the Government for making the Queen receive "representatives from a godless and atheistic state" on a Sunday.

The Church's Question Committee said the Government had failed to impress Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev, with "the orderly life of a Christian state."

"This could not be done where the sanctity of the Lord's Day was trampled underfoot," said

the Committee. The Queen received the Soviet leaders for tea at Windsor Castle on a Sunday. Church groups had already protested against the Sunday visit before it took place.—United Press.

THAT DINNER PARTY ROW

Severe Test For Gaitskell: Report Possible

By Fraser Wighton

London, May 1.

Socialist depression over the row at the Labour Party's dinner to Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev during their recent London visit has been revived by the Russian leaders' attacks on their return to Moscow.

The Labour quarrel with the Russians at a private dinner has produced a testing ordeal for Mr Hugh Gaitskell almost at the outset of his leadership of the party.

Many politicians feel he could not have foreseen the wide-ranging acrimony which stemmed from a Labour plea—urgently rejected by Mr Khrushchev—on behalf of Social Democrats in Communist goals.

Labour MPs evidently felt that East-West relations would be all the better for plain speaking.

The success of their earlier "no holds barred" talk with Mr George Malenkov apparently encouraged the belief that a similar approach would fit the Bulganin-Khrushchev case.

'Reactionaries'

What continues to worry some of the Labour Party is whether the occasion was not bedevilled by the irrelevant personal interjections which reportedly took place in the course of the dinner, so that discourtesy spoiled a first-rate opportunity.

Labour MPs do not like to hear the word told that the only organisation which "spoiled the atmosphere" in their British visit was that of the "Labourites" or to read Mr Khrushchev describing some of their chiefs as reactionaries.

The party is still sensitive to early post-war Conservative attack on Socialist claims that their move would really "be able to get to grips with Soviet thinking."

Some members—following Earl Attlee's "goodwill" mission to Moscow in 1954—had hoped that the Bulganin-Khrushchev visit would provide an opportunity for Socialists again to give a lead to the Conservative Government.

They now face a situation in which Sir Anthony Eden, after a tough period of office, has apparently gained considerable prestige for his handling of the Anglo-Soviet talks.

Brown's Comment

The Labour Party's relations with Russia on the other hand, have taken a bad tumble.

Mr George Brown, member of the Labour "Shadow Cabinet"

'Corrective Surgery' On Hermaphrodite

Washington, May 1. Physicians reported today they have successfully performed "corrective surgery" on a baby born about eight months ago as a true hermaphrodite.

A hermaphrodite is a person with both male and female sex organs. Pure hermaphrodites are medical rarities. Only about 60 verified cases have been reported in all medical history.

Dr W. Lester Henry, an endocrinologist, determined from a series of tests that the female sex was predominant in the child.

Dr Frank Jones, first Negro urologist on the staff of George Town University hospital here, then performed a series of operations, completed about four months ago, which transformed the child from a hermaphrodite into a normal girl.

Dr Henry said the girl is "doing beautifully" and eventually will be able to bear children.—United Press.

HARDING CLAMPS DOWN ON CARS

Nicosia, May 1. The military government today prohibited the testing of motor cars unattended in the streets.

The order explained: "It has been apparent for some time that motorists have been making use of taxis, self-drive cars and stolen vehicles for conveyance in murderous attacks and for conveyance of bombs... a car may be hired and driven only with a permit from the police."—United Press.

Reflect Feelings

Mr Gaitskell staved off a sectional demand by party rankers that a note of regret should be sent to the Russian leaders.

Instead, he went to see them and apparently succeeded in improving the atmosphere—well as reopening, again with negative result, the case of the Social Democrats.

The Labour leader yesterday commented on the attacks made by the Soviet statesmen since their return home, saying he was sorry Marshal Bulganin had spoken as he had done.

"It was certainly not our desire to spoil the visit in any way," he said.

That is believed to reflect the feeling of the majority of Socialists—though this does not alter their view it was right to raise the Democratic issue.

Mr Alfred Robens, the Labour Party's foreign affairs spokesman in the House of Commons, said tonight that he favoured the publication of a full transcript note taken at the dinner. He was being interviewed in a British Broadcasting Corporation radio programme.

Favoured

Mr Robens said that the party leader, Mr Hugh Gaitskell, had told the Soviet leaders after the dinner that Labour would feel at liberty to publish the record if it proved necessary to defend their part in the proceedings.

He added that he personally now favoured publishing the record in the light of comments made by Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev yesterday on their return to Moscow.—Reuter.



MONSTER FISH IS 'KING' OF RED SEA WRECK

Suez, May 1.

A German schooner captain, Walter Kunath, engaged in salvaging scrap metal from a British destroyer sunk off Perim Island, at the southern gateway to the Red Sea, is working in the company of a monster fish.

A nine-foot, 500-lbs. speckled rock cod has made its home in the wireless cabin of the wreck and refuses to move, even for a charge of dynamite.

Indo-China Armistice Meeting Wanted

Hanoi, May 1. North Vietnam Premier Pham Van Dong, at a May Day meeting in Hanoi today, renewed his Government's call for a new meeting of the Geneva Indo-China armistice conference.

Speaking before a crowd of some 100,000, the Premier said the agreements signed in Geneva in the summer of 1954 "symbolized the Vietnamese people's peace, unity and democratic independence."

Pham Van Dong declared that South Vietnam was bound by the Geneva agreements and criticized a recent South Vietnamese Government statement containing "only vague promise of a provocative nature."

The Premier said the South Vietnamese and French Governments were both responsible for the implementation of the agreement. He called for freedom of movement for the international and Mixed Armistice Control Commission in Indo-China.—France-Press.

Forced Labour Condemned

New York, May 1. By a vote of 13 against two with three abstentions, the Economic and Social Committee of the United Nations today adopted a resolution condemning all forms of forced labour, wherever it might exist.

The resolution noted that the question of forced labour would be fully examined at the next session of the International Labour Conference in June, and expressed interest in the measures the International Labour Organisation would take in this direction.

The Committee also discussed accusations concerning forced labour camps in Communist countries, including China.—France-Press.

Singapore, May 1.

The Burmese Director of Education, U Ba Bwa, arrived here today by air from Rangoon to study education methods in Singapore and Malaya.

He is on a 3-week visit at the invitation of the two governments.—Reuter.

HENPECKED HUSBANDS AT LARGE IN PARIS

Mr Stan Hopkinson, left, and Mr William Guppy, members of the Henpecked Club of Derbyshire, England, are pictured with showgirls from La Nouvelle Eve, a Paris night spot last week.

The 33-strong members of the club—miners, publicans and farmers—had been doing the sights of Paris minus their collective misuses. The boys of the club confessed themselves agitated at Paris prices, were some too thrilled by the Folies Bergere, Bill and Stan said they had seen better shows at home in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, for two shillings and sixpence. So Bill and Stan went on to the Nouvelle Eve. They had a wonderful evening, went backstage to see the girls, but the bill came to 3,000 francs apiece (£3).—Express Photo.

RESPECTS PAID TO BARKLEY

Washington, May 1.

Congress today gave its respects to Senator Alben Barkley, former Vice-President who died last night. The Senate did so by remaining in recess until Thursday and the House of Representatives by adjourning till tomorrow after hearing an hour of eulogies.

The body of the 78-year-old Senator was brought to Washington today from Lexington, Virginia, where he collapsed and died while addressing university students.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow, and on Thursday the Senator's body will be taken to Kentucky for burial.—Reuter.

Preliminary Survey

The skipper's first encounter with the sea monster came when he and his diving assistant were making a preliminary survey of the wreck, to decide where the most valuable salvage material was to be found.

Grouping his way into the cabin, Captain Kunath stretched his arm round the doorway. But instead of the hard iron bulkhead of the cabin, his fingers prodded a soft fleshy mass. Then he received a tremendous blow across the head which threw him to the deck, split his helmet and cut his scalp, but fortunately did not sever his oxygen feed.

The giant rock cod flayed its way furiously out of the cabin, tossing aside the young Ethiopian who was standing in its path. The boy rushed to help his skipper and together the two divers struggled to the surface.

Must Be Accepted

The next day Captain Kunath and his mate lowered a dynamite charge into the wireless cabin and fired it electronically.

Diving again, they found the cod placidly feeding off the small fish which had been killed by the blast.

"It is a situation which must be accepted," Captain Kunath said. "The fish is obviously king of the wreck and just will not move."

Now, on his daily dives, Captain Kunath keeps his eyes open and never goes nearer than five yards to the "Monarch."—Childs Mail Special.

Nepal Coronation Starts With Mystic Rites

Katmandu, May 1.

The coronation of 36-year-old King Mahendra of Nepal got underway today with a mystic ritual known as the "Purvanda" or "Epilogue."

The ritual was performed in a courtyard of the palace. Guards stood about wearing 19th century red and blue uniforms.

In the centre of the courtyard was a temple with a three-storied roof, resembling a Chinese pagoda. Like many Nepalese temples, the beams of this temple were ornamented with highly realistic and suggestive symbols painted in bright colours.

King Mahendra, dressed in white and wearing dark glasses and a bonnet decorated with geometric designs, entered the courtyard with the Queen on his left. The Queen was dressed in red sari. The royal couple were greeted by priests and pandits.

Blowing Horns

A small pavilion, covered with a thatched roof, was set up in the courtyard. The King sat down under it, cross-legged, while the Queen made a "Puja" (sacificial) offering before a fire.

Preceded by pandits and priests chanting and blowing shell horns, she then walked around the small pavilion and sat down in one corner.

The King then poured into the palm of each pandit's hand a spoonful of holy water, which had been used to wash the feet of the Divinity. The pandits also received a few grains of rice.

Afterwards the King put a "Thilak" mark on the brow of each pandit and handed each a garland and a package of clothes of immaculate cloth.

Sacred Hymns

After all the priests and pandits had received their "Thilak" and their packages, they sang sacred hymns, calling for divine benediction upon King Mahendra.

The King and Queen then symbolically touched numerous mounds wrapped in leaves which will be distributed to the poor, ending the ceremony which had been witnessed for the first time by Europeans and foreigners.

At the last coronation, 45 years ago, when King Mahendra's father, King Tribhuvana, was crowned, the sole European present was the British Resident in Nepal, and he was not allowed to witness the "Purvanda" ritual.

Sole Hindu King

Today's ritual was attended by the official representatives of 18 countries as well as numerous Press photographers and newsreel cameramen.

TAIWAN DAM PROJECT

Washington, May 1.

The United States will contribute \$4,000,000 to help start construction of a \$40,000,000 multi-purpose dam on Taiwan, the International Co-operation Administration (ICA) announced today.

The dam will be the largest single economic project ever undertaken on the island, ICA said.

The US funds will be used during the first year of work on the project, when the Nationalist will contribute Chinese currency equivalent to \$3,000,000.

Of the remaining \$33,000,000, the Government will provide \$22,000,000 and \$11,000,000 will be obtained from outside sources, the announcement said.

Scheduled for completion in 1960, the dam will be located at Shihmen, about 30 miles northeast of Taipei. It will provide water for irrigation and household use, electric power for industrial development, and flood control facilities.—United Press.

Hongkong Books Fair Booths

Seattle, May 1. Booth space for the Washington State International Trade Fair, opening here on Friday, was a near sell-out today with reservations exceeding last year's total. Fred Imhof, Manager of the Fair, reported.

Mr Imhof said 176 booths have been reserved, 25 more than last year.

Booth reservations from foreign countries include 15 from Hongkong, six from India, five from the Philippines and four from the Republic of Korea. Other countries and territories with merchandise or cultural displays in the fair are Pakistan, Thailand, the Republic of China, Guam, Hawaii, Canada, Peru, Mexico, Guatemala and Ecuador.

Seventy-one booths will be occupied by American importers of merchandise from more than a score of Pacific rim countries.—United Press.

Statue For Pope

Vatican City, May 1. A gilt-covered bronze statue of Christ arrived here today from Milan aboard a helicopter, which landed in front of Saint Peter's Basilica.

The statue, gift of Christian workers' unions to the Pope on his 80th birthday, will be set up in a church to be built in the workers' quarter of Rome to commemorate the Pope's birthday.

The Pope appeared at the window of his apartment today to greet a huge crowd which had witnessed the arrival of the statue.—France-Press.

Indian Envoy Injured

Macon, May 1. India's Ambassador to France, Sardar Malik, suffered a slight head injury when his car collided with another here today.

Mr Malik, who was driving to Cannes with his wife and daughter, temporarily interrupted the trip and stopped at the Hotel de L'Europe here.

Mr Malik was injured by fragments from the car's windshield. The car was seriously damaged.—France-Press.

Raging Floods

In Italy

Rome, May 1. More rain today fed Italy's raging rivers which have already flooded thousands of acres of farmland and sent hundreds fleeing from their homes.

The boiling waters of the Arno tore off part of a bridge being built at Florence and carried it past the famed shop-lined Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge).

The Tiber spread out over more than 2,000 acres of grain fields in Perugia, and Rome waited uneasily for the big water to hit.—United Press.

WANTON ABUSE OF HOSPITALITY

Washington, May 1.

Senator James Eastland said today that the United Nations should be asked "to do everything in its power to prevent further wanton abuse" of US hospitality by the chief Soviet UN delegate, Arkady Sobolev, and his staff.

Senator Eastland, chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, referred to efforts on the part of Soviet diplomats to persuade Soviet seamen-refugees to return to Russia.

The United States last week expelled two members of the Soviet UN staff and charged Mr Sobolev for their part in the re-defection of five Soviet sailors who obtained political asylum in this country.

Senator Eastland, whose subcommittee is investigating the incident, discussed the matter in a letter to Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, chief US delegate to the UN.

He urged Mr Lodge to "call formally upon the United Nations to do everything in its power to prevent further wanton abuse of the hospitality of the United States by chief delegate Sobolev and his staff."—United Press.

Jerusalem, May 1. The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, will have talks with Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion tomorrow morning before going on to Damascus. From there he will fly to Beirut on his way to Rome and the United States. The present talks concern the putting into effect of a formal ceasefire with Jordan and Syria.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Tatters (6).
- 5 Offspring (5).
- 8 Helps (4).
- 9 Strip (6).
- 11 Speak (6).
- 12 Crawl abjectly (6).
- 14 Fower (4).
- 16 Subject (5).
- 18 Commerce (5).
- 19 Fruit (4).
- 20 Worried hard (6).
- 24 Normal (5).
- 25 Tendons (6).
- 26 Uniform (4).
- 27 Deserves (3).
- 28 Very thin (6).

DOWN

- 1 Flank (4).
- 2 Pealed (4).
- 3 Wall decoration (4).
- 4 Riddles (6).
- 6 Set apart (7).
- 8 Smash utterly (7).
- 9 Built (7).
- 10 Pressed (5).
- 13 Law (7).
- 14 Lassitude (7).
- 15 Decides (7).
- 17 Refugee (5).
- 18 Forces open (6).
- 21 Bond (4).
- 22 Cleric (4).
- 23 Spot (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Canoe, 4 Utopia, 8 Arctic, 10 Ovens, 12 Carrot, 14 Propose, 17 Loss, 19 Alludes, 20 Pasado, 22 Omit, 23 Accepted, 27 Flattery, 28 Repel, 30 Scarer, 31 Doubt, 32 Enemy, Down: 1 Clasp, 2 Naive, 3 Erice, 5 Trot, 6 Peered, 7 Assage, 9 Caravan, 11 Volume, 13 Selects, 15 Roam, 16 Fable, 18 Bere, 20 Poured, 21 Slipped, 24 Cycle, 25 Dignity, 26 Dusk, 28 Elm.

NATHANIEL CUBBINS

SO dazzling and confusing was the news that there were times when I wasn't quite sure if Bulganin was going to marry Grace Kelly or if Fatty Farouk had become Chancellor of the Exchequer and turned every British post office into a gambling hell.

There were also times when I wondered if Fatty had gone to the wedding, despite warnings of assassination, because he couldn't resist a free buffet or because he couldn't resist Grace.

We all know Fats is fond of drinking, and he is not a pretty girl. ("Looking," of course, being an under-achievement), and I hoped that an exciting week would be rounded off by Fats dashing into the reception with his Albanian bodyguard and carrying off the bride like young L. Chavari.

But I was glad to note that the funny Russian uncle, who lived up to their reputations as humorists.

The gift of a baby bear may be all right at the time, but what are you to do with it before it grows up and bites your hand off? That I suppose, is the subtle joke which may have world-wide overtones.

If the funny uncle has started the habit of killing away national symbols, like Russian bears, in a gesture of goodwill, it won't be long before President Eisenhower feels obliged to send Sir Anthony Eden an eagle. Then Sir Anthony will feel obliged to send President Eisenhower a lion.

After that France will send a fighting cock to both and more eagles will be sent all over the place by East and West Germany.

But if the thing gets out of hand I am not at all sure that international relations will be improved, particularly if Nehru starts sending elephants to everybody and the Chinese send dragons.

The funny uncle will get the full benefit of their delayed-

action joke when Sir Anthony Eden looks out of his bedroom window one morning, sees Downing Street full of bears, eagles, fighting cocks, elephants, and dragons, decides he has been working too hard, bursts into tears, and resigns.

Caviare for courage

MY life partner, the Plucky Little Woman, managed to keep her head throughout the excitement.

Among the pictures of The Wedding and the funny uncles she found a new feature in a journal called "A Psychiatrist's Notebook."

As we are always fascinated by psychiatrists because they never fail to find some obscure reason for normal behaviour we read it eagerly. We were not disappointed. This mind doctor has discovered that people with hearty appetites eat too much because they are unhappy and feel unsafe.

To quote: "I remember one patient who could only face the anxiety of going out of doors if she had literally stuffed herself with food."

The P.L.W. said this might account for the enormous stomachs belonging to Fats Farouk.

All his life Fats has been unpopular. When he was King of Egypt he was terrified to go out in case somebody shot him. That was why he ate dinner fasting for hours with armed guards round the table and usually left the palace only at night when his turn was almost at bursting point.

It was also why he at first refused the invitation to The Wedding and then accepted. He was badly stuffing himself to find courage to make the journey.

The P.L.W. said the psychiatrist's theory might also account for the fact that Russians can never travel anywhere without crates of caviare.

An aircraft full of caviare followed the funny uncles to India. Another full of caviare

and vodka landed at London Airport before they arrived at Portsmouth.

Although it is obvious that the funny uncles, despite their merry antics, must live in perpetual anticipation of being bumped off by millions who don't think them very funny, the P.L.W. said she was unable to understand why if they need more food because they feel unsafe, it always has to be their native delicacy, caviare.

She said by the same reasoning British statesmen who felt a bit nervous would never go anywhere abroad without an aircraft full of Yorkshire pudding.

Guided missile

READING from the papers the P.L.W. said that the security men had not only searched machines along the route taken by the funny uncles, but also checked the babies in their prams.

I said I had no idea why they had searched the machines unless they thought that somebody had been piling sticks of gelignite under the road.

There was also the possibility that a frustrated British housewife, longing to kiss the uncles, might be shut up by a secret spring to fly over the heads of the police and land within cuddling distance.

The P.L.W. asked: "But what could a little baby in a pram do?"

I said a little baby in a pram, at any rate, could do a lot. British babies were already tired of being embraced by Malenkov and they might want their revenge.

From my own experience of babies they could throw knives, forks, spoons, cups, saucers, and lumps of coal with deadly accuracy. I remembered that a baby had once hit me in the eye with a wet crust at a distance of ten yards.

The P.L.W. said: "But the uncles can't be frightened of being hit in the eye with a wet crust?"

I said no, but if you are always expecting something to be thrown at you, even a wet crust hurtling through the air might be mistaken for a bomb.

This would upset the uncles' nerves. According to the psychiatrist a feeling of insecurity would increase their appetites. They would need for another aircraft full of caviare. They might eat themselves to death. If so we would be accused of poisoning them.

The P.L.W. said: "And what then?"

I said: "A wet crust hurled by an infant in a pram could be the spark that started the third world war."



"Very good, Sergeant—replace bearskins."

London Express Service

STALIN 'EXHUMED'

CHAPTER TWO IN A NEW APPRAISAL OF THE MAN WHOSE LEGEND STILL DOMINATES A NATION'S DESTINIES

"WE receive our sun from Stalin. We receive our prosperous life from Stalin. Even the good life in the tundras filled with snowstorms we made together with him, With the Son of Lenin, With Stalin the Wise."

This is form a "Song about the Return Sun." It was written in 1939. Stalin liked it. Thousands of miles away, in Mexico, the debate Trotsky said of the doggerel: It is like the grunting of a pig. In England, in a book

called "Animal Farm," George Orwell inscribed the motto of the pigs who conquered the farm: "All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others."

Stalin, by 1939, was the most equal animal of them all.

Animals are born. It takes 16 years to make a god. In 1924 Stalin was still almost unknown. Stalin was the bureaucrat, the dull Georgian who could be satisfied with the apparatus of the Party machine while the others made the speeches and the theories and the plans of

In 1939 Stalin was the god and king, the divine monarch, the Little Father of the Russian peoples. His fame was as limitless as his power.

At the end of January 1924 Stalin spoke over Lenin's corpse. He intoned:— "In leaving us Comrade Lenin ordained us to hold high and keep pure the great title of member of the Party. We vow thee, Comrade Lenin, that we shall honourably fulfil this thy commandment."

Here was the beginning of the new religion, spoken in the rough accents of the man who had been taught by the monks of Tiflis Theological Seminary. Stalin made Lenin a god before he had buried him.

Four months later Lenin's will was read before the Central Committee of the Party. Its postscript said: "Stalin is too rude, and this fault... becomes unbearable in the office of General Secretary. Therefore I propose to the comrades to find a way to remove Stalin from that position and appoint another man..."

When the will was read Stalin was sitting on the steps of the rostrum. An eyewitness said: "He looked small and miserable. Terrible embarrassment paralysed all those present."

What could save Stalin now, after he had already made a god of the man who from the grave rejected him?

Comrade Zinoviev, whom Stalin was later to destroy when his usefulness had passed, got to his feet and said: "Comrade, every word of Lenin is law to us. But we are happy to say that in one point Lenin's fears have proved groundless. I have in mind the point about our General Secretary."

The General Secretary was saved. And already the General Secretary had the power, although ostensibly it was divided in the triumvirate of Stalin, Zinoviev, and Kamenev, and challenged from the outside by Trotsky.

But the others were all broken. They were divided from each other and one by one they were disgraced. It does not matter now how Stalin broke them upon the rock of Lenin's posthumous orthodoxy.

He already had the machine, the Party, the secret police, and, just as he broke the old revolutionaries so he broke the revolution.

The revolutionary dream of world Socialism was replaced by Stalin's dogma of "Socialism in one country." The country, which was a goal in 1924, Stalin carved steadily. Stalin gave it a bureaucracy.

He Swept The 1930's Right To The Verge Of '1948'

It is difficult to see into the man at this time. Until 1929 he is content to have power, to eliminate opposition. He does not know what to do with his power.

He survived, through interminable doctrinal disputes and personal squabbles, through crises abroad and reaction at home.

As each group of opposition was defeated there was less room for ideas; the net grew tighter.

What drove on this Georgian peasant? The steel in him was not enough; the thirst for power was unquenchable.

But famine threatened the country and Stalin panicked; he panicked into a second revolution, which took away the hand

By GEORGE GALE

from the peasants, forced the peasants into collective farms, industrialised the nation, and erected the most monolithic State the world has ever seen.

Fear drove him on. Fear kept him at the head of this new revolution. Fear made him rave of ingot production, indices of production, limitless expansion of production. The millions sweated and toiled, or if they whimpered met their death.

Only once did he falter. In 1932 the weary land was tired. The casualties were too high. Someone wrote: "Russia's battle of ferocious metallurgy alone involved more casualties than the battle of the Marne."

It was whispered in desperate conclaves that Stalin had to go. Plotters were arrested; others croaked up.

On a November evening Stalin and his second wife, whom he had married during the civil war and who had loved her husband to excess, were talking with members of the Politburo at Voroshilov's house.

Stalin's wife, kept silent no longer, spoke of the famine and discontent in the land, of the moral ravages which the Terror had wrought on the Party.

Stalin, the Man of Steel, snapped. He violently abused his wife. She left the house. That night she was killed.

Stalin offered to go. "Maybe I have, indeed, become an obstacle to the Party's unity. If so, comrades, I am ready to effect myself."

No one dared say yes. There was a long silence. Then Stalin's protégé about-faced: "Stop it! Stop it! You have Stalin's dogma of 'Socialism in one country.' The country, which was a goal in 1924, Stalin carved steadily. Stalin gave it a bureaucracy."

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Kirov was assassinated in Leningrad. This sparked off a new terror, and the famous "Trials" of the middle thirties. History, which had already been tampered with, began to be rewritten wholesale. All writers began writing like Stalin. People began speaking like Stalin.

Andrei Zhdanov became Governor of Leningrad and swept tens of thousands of people off to Siberia. Political prisoners began doing hard labour. Men began accusing themselves of crimes they had not committed.

Defendants' families appeared in witness-boxes as hostages—and the defendants yet more abjectly exaggerated their guilt.

The generals tried to stop the terror, which spread but and out like ripples across a pool. There was a plot. But it failed, inevitably betrayed.

Slowly the frenzy died away. Its last gesture, the last ripple, smashed out Trotsky's brains in Mexico 1940.

By then the war was beginning. By then the might of Russia was something to be reckoned with.

The revolution was dead, but dying it had given birth to a new world power; and Stalin was both midwife and father.

TREATY

SUDDENLY the horizon opened; the world became Stalin's field. Hitler seized Prague. Britain sought allies, plunged into pacts with Poland and Rumania.

Litvinov, then Foreign Minister, who had dreamed of an indivisible peace, resigned and Molotov took his place. Ribbentrop came to Moscow; the German-Soviet treaty was signed.

It was a decision of power-politics, but still it shocked the West. Throughout the thirties Socialists and fellow-travellers could gaze on Russia with hope, and comfort their consciences with pink spectacles.

Now they saw a straightforward agreement between two dictators. They should not have been so shocked.

Then Hitler invaded Russia. Stalin, Krushchev now tells us, was shocked and surprised. The one person he ever trusted seems to have been Hitler.

Stalin, says Krushchev, told his troops not to fire at first. He thought the German armies were moving by mistake.

But there was steel enough left in the man. Or so it seemed during the war. The final test of history is not yet written.

But Trotsky, who did not see the war, but who from Mexico had seen the peace and the terror of the thirties, wrote this epitaph for Stalin: "The vengeance of history is more terrible than the vengeance of the most powerful General Secretary."

Trotsky found that concluding in Krushchev to be the agent of history's vengeance?

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HAM AND EGGS WITH UNCLE HO

From Russell Spurr

Hanoi. President Ho Chi-minh invited me to a six-o'clock ham and egg breakfast to warn that war may break out again in Indo-China.

He accused the Government of his bachelor neighbour to the south, Premier Ngo Dien-diem, of trying to scrap the armistice that stopped the war with the French two years ago.

This armistice divided Indo-China into Ngo's nominally democratic South Vietnam and Red North Vietnam run by President Ho.

Even before we met for breakfast, President Ho—Uncle Ho to his friends—had been in conference with his military and political advisers.

Then he received me in the high-backed reception room of the former French Governor-General's palace.

I had been there once before, sipping cocktails with Bao Dai. The chubby ex-emperor, now exiled to the French Riviera, looked immensely of his age, but Uncle Ho discussed his daily life, the work of reconstruction, the British and, of course, the threat of war.

He presided alone over the glass-topped coffee table. He helped me to find eggs—surely you can't tickle two?—nervously crushing crumbs off his faded khaki uniform.

He then sat back in a massive easy chair, glared at me, watching me with steady eyes.

The wispy-whiskered man known as Uncle Ho to his friends slithered for 15 years through the Communist underground of the world. He travelled from the Far East to Paris, London, and Moscow and sipped at the cup of intrigue, conspiracy, and revolution. Finally he went home to Indo-China where the great antagonisms of this century—colonialism, nationalism, and Communism—joined and clashed. The French rulers of Indo-China were defeated two years ago by the armies of Uncle Ho (full name Ho Chi-minh—the One who Enlightens). The country was partitioned and today this wispy man of 66 is President of the northern half—North Vietnam, Little Brother of Red China.

His face was darker than the eastern propaganda posters. His hair was thin, his beard more unkempt. But the eyes were more than any camera could record.

He said: "I live like a peasant... up before dawn, to bed after dark—well after 11. There is a bed conference. But I manage an hour's nap in the afternoon."

I complimented him on his English. He threw back the compliment neatly.

The British know how to make friends, particularly in the East. Now the French, who were on to business, "look what they got after eight years' fighting. Nothing. And we have to rebuild the mess."

It is ironic that Ho should now be urging the French to stay on in South Vietnam. For they are signatories with him of

the armistice agreement. Their official withdrawal next Saturday brings it to an end.

Premier Ngo Dien-diem, who has ruled the South for two years, refuses to recognize the armistice agreement.

He ignores claims calling for nation-wide elections next July on which the Communists had pinned their hopes, and threatens the existence of the International Armistice Commission.

Within a few days the Canadians, Poles, and Indians on the Commission, who have been supervising the cease-fire may have to go.

There will be no one to watch the uneasy partition line along the 17th Parallel, where the best-armed troops of North and South now mass.

"The authorities in the South are seriously violating the armistice agreement," Ho complained. "We naturally hope for peace and are working for peace, but the situation is delicate."

Columns of little green-clad soldiers were patrolling past the palace. Just beyond the main iron railings, across what is now Hanoi's Red Square, squads of tommy-gunners practised on bamboo targets.

"Unification and peace," roared a passing platoon.

"More coffee?" asked Uncle Ho. He munched bread and butter with the relish of a man who has known hard times.

I asked about his health. "I'm fit enough," he said. "Sixty-six, now, you know. But work keeps me healthy."

Which reminds me—he put down his knife and fork—"I must get back to it."

This Is No Place. To Send Our Immature Amateurs UNTRIED PUNCHERS PITCHED INTO POLAND

By GEORGE WAITING

London.

Trust the dear old Amateur Boxing Association to panic, and to do the wrong thing at the wrong time.

Faced with almost inevitable good hidings in Warsaw (May 6) and Gdansk (May 8), our selectors, one would have thought, would have delayed their naming of a team for this month's Poland trip until after their own Championship finals, at Wembley had offered up-to-date clues to current form and state of health.

Instead, they appear to have allowed themselves to be frightened by administrative details—viz., etc.—and have picked what can only be described as one of the least substantial teams ever to represent Britain in a major international match.

Have they not heard that Poland is one of the hottest amateur boxing countries in the world, bolstered by all the resources of State-aided training, medical squads, tap-water-in-the-corners and every mod con?

Having had some small acquaintance with postwar boxing in Warsaw, I assure our armchair selectors that it is no place to send immature amateurs—or amateurs—who cannot even maintain supremacy here at home.

I am a fully paid-up member of the have-a-go-and-lose-with-it school of thought—but I consider the ABA are doing the sport less than justice by ignoring their own Championships in their search for a really representative team for so important a fixture.

If the side they have chosen is comprised of the best 10 amateur boxers available in this country then we are indeed at the bottom of the barrel.

NO JUSTICE

I except from these possibly sour criticisms our "wrong-way-round" European Champions, featherweight Tommy Nichols and welterweight Nicky Gargano. We can also harbour fair-to-middling hopes of, say, barge builder Don Weller at bantam, milkman Redrup at middle, and after Dave Rent at heavyweight.

I fail to see either justice or reason, however, in the selection of light-middleweight Terry Collins after his recent London Championship defeat by Earlsfield's Ron Garnett.

Can it be that Garnett's tank-in-action method has been considered too rumbustious for the delicate Poles? Or was I dreaming when I thought I heard the Poles cheering his belligerence in Helsinki a few months ago?

Doek-worker Collins, 21, is an earnest trier who will assuredly put his best fist forward in Warsaw—and he will need to. He is matched with a robust character called Zbigniew Pietrzykowski, when I saw give the then pre-eminent Bruce Wells a run for his money in

Milk And Cream
For Raffle Winner

Christchurch, New Zealand. A Christchurch milkman is going to deliver 137 gallons of milk and three gallons of cream to the doorstep of one of his customers.

The householder will be winner of a raffle conducted by the Canterbury Milk Vendors Association in aid of funds to send a national water polo team to Melbourne for the Olympic Games.

The milk and cream for the raffle winner, to be delivered in small lots over a year, would normally cost almost £25.—China Mail Special.

Denis Compton
In Hospital For
The Third Time

London, May 1. The England and Middlesex cricketer, Denis Compton, was admitted to hospital today for the third time in six months to undergo treatment for his right knee.

The knee-cap was removed last November. He was to undergo a manipulative operation the second in a month.—United Press.

VRC MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club will be held at the Board Room of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank on Friday, April 4, at 8.30 p.m.

Poland in 1953, and who beat a German, a Frenchman and a Russian to win the European title in Berlin last year after getting a walk-over "passport" from our injured Bernard Foster.

Flyweight Terry Spinks, an 18-year-old driver's mate from



NICKY GARGANO
his selection is excepted from criticism

West Ham, BC, is another immature lad whose rich promise, I hope, will not be endangered by this arduous trip.

STILL SMARTING

His opponent, Henryk Kukier, outpointed our 1955 Champion, Derek Lloyd, beyond all reasonable argument in Berlin last summer.

Polish amateur boxers—there are no professionals as we interpret that elastic term—have won eight of the 18 Championships open to the whole of Europe in the last three years; we have won three.

Faced with such a disparity, and still smarting from those ignominious thrashings by Ireland and Russia this season, the ABA might surely have awaited their own Championship findings before pitching their untried punchers into Poland.

Still, it might have been worse. I hear from Warsaw that light-welter L. Drogosz and bantamweight S. Stefanuk, two of the toughest of the Polish national boxing squad, have been suspended for alleged insubordination.

PAIRINGS

Pairings for the Warsaw match are:
Flyweight, — Terry Spinks (West Ham) v Henryk Kukier.

Bantam.—Don Weller (Dartmouth) v V. Adamski.

Feather.—Tommy Nichols (Sankeys) v S. Boczaraki.

Light.—Bryan Jones (Raleigh) v J. Niedzwiedzki.

Light-welter.—David Stone (Buttersea) v Jan Pinski.

Welter.—Nicky Gargano (Covent Garden) v R. Walasek.

Light-middle.—Terry Collins (West Ham) v Zbigniew Pietrzykowski.

Middle.—Ron Redrup (West Ham) v Zbigniew Piorkowski.

Cruiser.—Johnny Cole (PLA) v Z. Wojciechowski.

Heavy.—Dave Rent (Bootle) v R. Manka.

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Turkey Beaten
One Nil By
Brazilians

Istanbul, Turkey, May 1. Brazil, playing their last match before meeting England at Wembley on May 9, defeated Turkey by one goal to nil in a soccer international here today.

The winning goal was scored in the first half.—Reuter.

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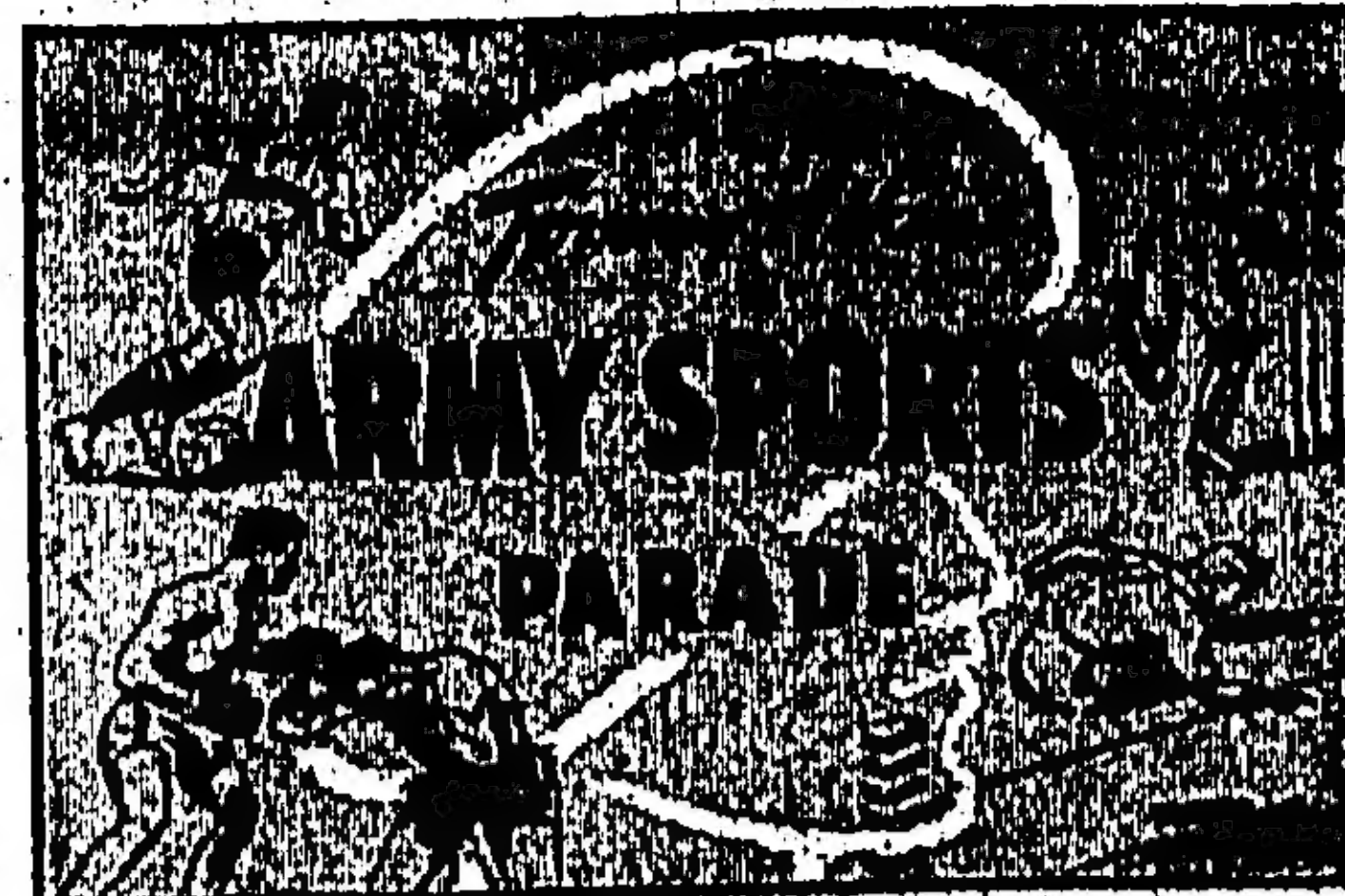
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To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the.....Club.

(Signed).....



This week we offer the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade to those Army boxers who joined up with their pugilistic colleagues from the other two Services and the civilian community to make last Friday's show in aid of the Earl Haig Fund such a success.

If special recognition must be given to Gur McGrath for his thrilling and spectacular victory over Ring-winner Henry Wong of the Royal Navy, it must not be allowed to overshadow the brilliant boxing produced in the Legerton-Rogers bout, or the persistent endeavour and remorseless punching that characterised the Light-Middleweight battle between

The greatest possible credit must go to Legerton and Rogers. In spite of the fact that they were meeting in a much publicised return contest, and in spite of the fact that Rogers had recently beaten Legerton in an important championship bout, the two boys displayed exemplary conduct throughout three hectic and hard hitting rounds in which the referee did not once have to speak to either of them.

This was indeed the highest standard of sportsmanship and Rogers' ready handshake when the verdict went against him was a fitting ending to a fine contest.

SAME GOOD SPIRIT

The Dinning-Dickenson contest was fought in the same good spirit and although it was a gruelling affair from first bell to last both men contrived to honour the spirit, as well as the letter, of the rules.

Dickenson's victory now gives the men a success apiece. Both of their managers, however, have been close affairs and while Dickenson deserves the greatest credit for his win, I feel that Dinning may well claim the winner's end of the verdict if they can be talked into meeting again.

Major Dick Webb of the RAMC who made his first senior appearance in a Colony ring created a fine impression by his alert and active refereeing. He is, of course, a very experienced official with several international honours to his credit, and there is little doubt that he will be much in demand as "third-man" during his time in Hongkong.

In spite of the summerlike weather soccer continues to push its nose into the news. This week we have reports on the two outstanding teams in their own particular spheres... 24 Field Engineers and Command Workshops REME.

Press reports on the Caldbeck Cup have now reached the Colony from several different sources and reveal that the Sappers once again demonstrated their ability to fight back from early reverses.

Against the Hampshire, they were at one stage on the wrong end of a 4-2 situation, but a post-interval switch which saw Dow taking over the centre-forward berth worked wonders and produced the three goals that took the Sappers to a 3-4 victory and brought the coveted trophy back to Hongkong.

The team will arrive back in the Colony on Friday and the players are to be given the full scale conquering hero treatment. A band and distinguished personages will be on hand to welcome them. The donors of the trophy have also made material and generous contribution to an All Ranks Dance which is to be held in the team's honour... in fact everything is being done to let the players see that the Army in Hongkong is proud of their efforts, and pleased at their success.

The other football team in the news is that of Command Workshops. They completed a most successful season by winning the Minor Units League Championship play-off last week.

WELL KNIT TEAM

The REME boys have produced some grand soccer this season. They have never boasted any big stars, but they have played together as a well knit team and reaped the benefit of a neatly balanced mixture of youth and experience. They won every league and cup game they played with the sole exception of their 2-1 defeat by 24 Field Engineers in the Caldbeck Cup... and to be beaten by the eventual winners is never a disgrace in any competition.

The goal scoring instinct of the team has always been in evidence and their final tally of 135 goals speaks for itself. Not to be outdone, however, the defence can also boast one of the records in the history of Army football in the Colony for in all their competitive league and cup games they conceded only 9 goals, and it is that last defensive play at the very last

J. L. MANNING'S SPORTS DIARY AUSTRALIANS ARE ALL SET TO CORNER THE MARKET

London.

The Australian cricketers arrived on April 24 with no other thought but adding the Ashes to their fine collection of the Davis Cup, The Open Golf Championship, and a growing number of world athletic and swimming records.

Luckily for us their cricket lags behind the dramatic advance of their other sports, so if we are to beat them at anything this Olympic year it will be in the Tests.

But I am not optimistic. On the eve of the cricket season there does not appear enough batting in all England to give our bowlers a fair target. We lack reliability and experience at the start of an innings, and match-winning aggression in the middle.

If these qualities resurface magically by June my pessimism would drift away. But right now it looks that the bookies, even with a summer song in their hearts, wouldn't give me much for a Lew Hoad-John Johnson-Landy ante-post treble.

LONGER BATTING

It is true, of course, that the Australian captain has flattered his team to deceive us. These tactics are nearly as old as Test cricket.

Johnson praises his longer batting order hoping we shall not get around to his bowling weaknesses. The truth is that Miller and Lindwall breathe fire for only a few overs before running short of puff.

Meanwhile Walter Robins started discussions on the "dragging" law. For my part I don't think this matters two hoots. It's been going on for years without causing any real trouble.

My own contribution to the dithering situation is highly irrelevant. For recently I debated on radio with Viscount Cobham, Walter Robins, Wilfred Wooller, and Rex Alston; "MCC and the public—should a private club run cricket?"

Methinks the BBC have got it all wrong. We all should have been locked up in the Long Room debating "MCC as a Restrictive Practice."

But I must not give cricket its due too early. Football still has the better stories. The story of Jimmy Delaney, for instance.

The Sunday in Dublin Delaney, with more than a touch of baldness at the age of 41, will be set for a remarkable Soccer record.

If his team, Cork Athletic, beats Shamrock Rovers in the FA of Ireland Cup Final, his record of winners' medals will be

Scottish Cup; Celtic, 1937. English Cup; Manchester U., 1948.

Irish Cup; Derry City, 1954. Eireas Cup; Cork Athletic, 1955.

What a lifetime it's been for Delaney. The Scottish Cup Final in 1937 drew the biggest ever crowd to Hampden Park—147,000—and the 1948 Final at Wembley (Manchester United 4, Blackpool 2) is one of the greatest cup-ties I have ever watched.

HIS OWN FAN CLUB

Yet the best of the Delaney story is to come. He is the only footballer who has his own supporters' club.

It was formed in his native village of Cleland in the Limerickshire coal-field, where he has been a sporting idol for more than 20 years.

Its title is the Jimmy Delaney Brake Club—a pleasing relic of horse-drawn days—and there are more than 50 members. With 50 more villagers, made associates for the day, the Brake Club will be in Dublin this Sunday.

And the remaining 3,000 inhabitants of Cleland will be understanding that day to drink to the health of the "king across the sea."

Referee Jack Husband of London is kicked and tripped by a Uruguayan footballer at Watford and the happy player threatens to refuse to leave the field when ordered.

In the scene which followed Husband preferred my advice to all referees to the example of Arthur Ellis, similarly defied by Argentines at Coventry last January. He saw the same through.

I hope all those schoolroom preachers and armchair moralists who wrote angrily to protest about my criticism of Ellis will now make a hearty meal of their own words.

Ellis himself took it very sportingly, although we argued inconclusively. That was a few weeks later when we met to broadcast on "Sportsman-ship."

By the way, I have not seen Husband since the beginning of the season. We met at the Dynamo Stadium, Moscow, where he had been given the biggest cheer by 100,000 Russians watching him referee a game with Hungary.

I found Husband very lonely in the dressing-room with two foreigner room-mates whose language he could not speak. I told him he had "got it" and "got it" for Britain.

On guard outside the dressing-room was the same girl who had acted as interpreter for Chris Chataway. She was quite a pet. A bit different from the guards B. and K. have around.

TENNIS EXPENSES

The lawn tennis season starts with the usual rumours about expenses. First victims: Darlene Hard, of America and the Hoads, of Australia.

Darlene was hit hard by a report that she was getting only 30s. a day and was refused permission to accept private hospitality that I telephoned Basil Reay, secretary of the LTA, for that most unusual of all kinds of information—the official kind. Thus:

Miss Hard was having her hotel paid and the LTA had made a contribution to her Transatlantic fare. She had been told she could stay privately if she liked and she would still get some expenses. Fair enough, and Darlene is quite happy.

So with Lew Hoad and his wife. They get their hotel bill met, and contributions to their fares from Australia. They can draw some of this cash under special arrangement with the Australian LTA representative in London.

So the tennis authorities are not so much getting tough as they are becoming rational. Good sense is the best detective in this wonderland of amateur tennis.

BEST TENNIS STORIES

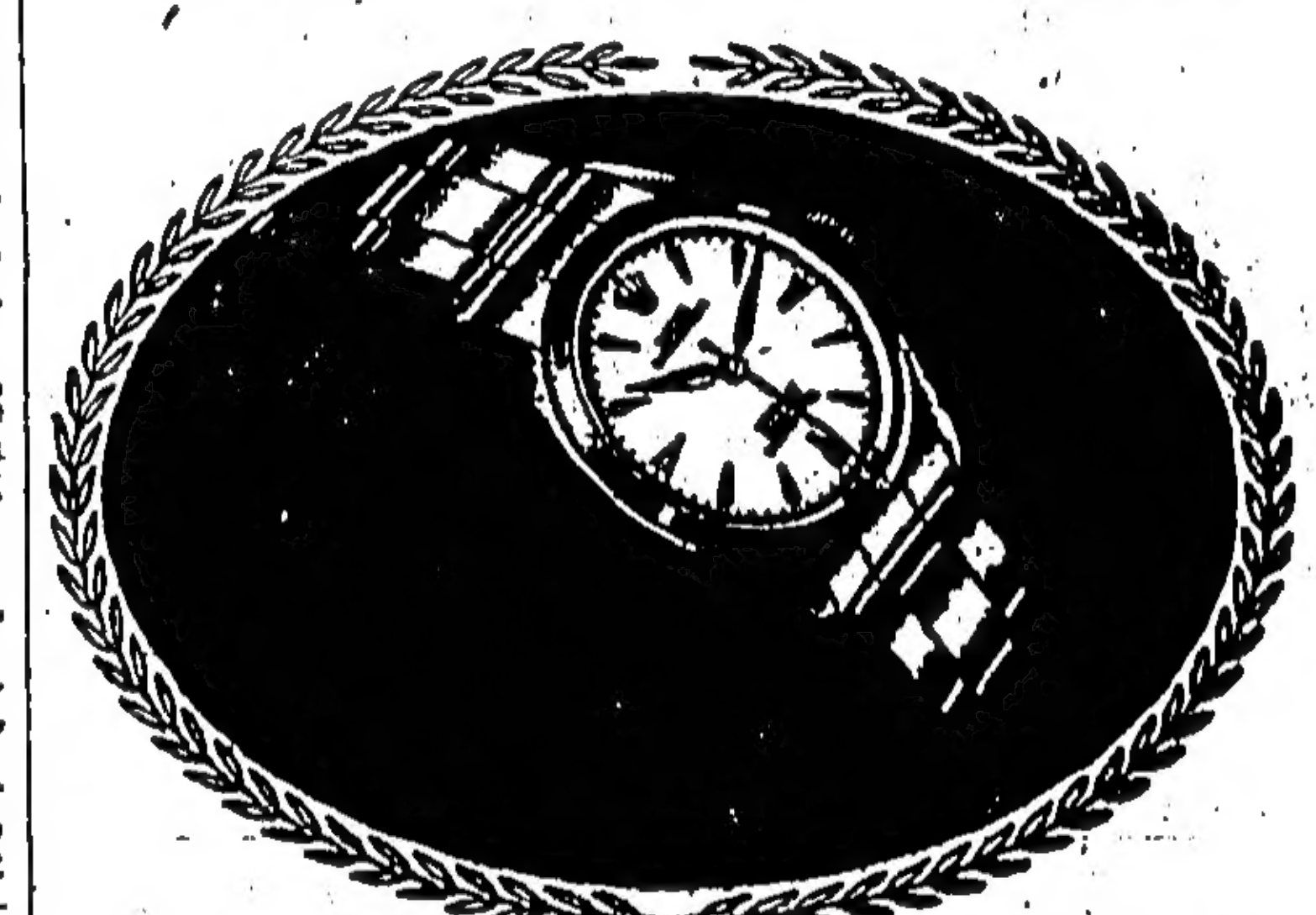
Three of the best tennis stories this week are repeated for your information:

A French official asked a Dunlop's man if the star whom he had under his wing would play in a Paris tournament. When told he would not, the French official said: "Is that so? Then, monsieur, we shall use Slazenger balls."

Next, from Australia came Frank Sedgman's cute little remark: "I shan't apply to be an amateur this week, because I've just fixed up another professional tournament."

Finally, Cassell's, the publishers, have taken Harry Hopman's book, "Acres and Pieces," out of their spring list. My guess is that Harry is letting it cool down a bit. Why worry? Hasn't he now got a job with a millionaire?

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American Musicians To Take Part In Prague Festival

Prague, May 1.
American musicians, for the first time in six
years, will perform at Prague's annual spring
Music Festival to be held here from May 11 to
June 3.

Georg Szell, conductor of the
Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, will be
the soloist in a performance of
Prokofiev's third piano concerto.

Julius Katchen, an American
pianist living in Paris, will be
the soloist in a performance of
Prokofiev's third piano concerto.

Evenly Balanced

It will be Mr. Katchen's first
visit to Prague. But Mr. Szell
will be on familiar ground again
after more than 20 years. He
was conductor at the German
Theatre here in the 1930's.

The only American to come
to the Prague Festival since
1948, the year the Communists
took over the Government in
Czechoslovakia, is Paul Robeson.
He came here in 1950. But
organizers of the Festival,
started in 1946, claim that it
has been a cultural platform
where artists from East and
West could meet even in the
years when the "cold war" was
at its peak.

This year, artists from East
and West will be about evenly
balanced. Those from the West
will include two of the guest
conductors, M. Andre Cluytens,
of France, and Dr. Hans
Schmidt-Isserstedt, the West
German chief of the Stockholm
Philharmonic Orchestra.

Another guest conductor will
come from the Soviet Union—
Mr. Nathan Rakhlin—and
fourth, Mr. Zvyozdn Zdravkovich,
from Yugoslavia.

Others Invited

The organizers invited Sir
John Barbirolli of Britain's
Halle Orchestra to conduct two
concerts by the Czechoslovak
Philharmonic Orchestra but he
was unable to come.

Wilhelm Kempff, a West
German pianist, will play
Schumann's piano concerto in
A-minor with the Brno State
Philharmonic Orchestra and
works by Mozart. Another
pianist from the West, Monique
de la Bruchollerie, of France,
will play Mozart's piano con-
certo in D-minor with the
Czechoslovak Radio Symphony
Orchestra and will also give a
solo concert. A Hungarian
pianist, Annie Fischer, is also
taking part in the festival.

Others invited are Margarethe
Klose, a German contralto, and
Arthur Grumiaux, a Belgian
violinist. Soviet artists include
Igor Oistrakh, violinist son of
David Oistrakh, and a pianist,
Svyatoslav Richter.

Vladimir Orlov, of Rumania,
will give a violin concerto and
Bogdan Paprocki, a Polish
tenor, will sing in a perfor-
mance of Gounod's "Faust."

Mozart's Works

The Vienna Symphony Or-
chestra conducted by Pro-
fessor Rudolf Moralt will give
two concerts and the Comic
Opera Company from East
Berlin will perform Weber's
"Der Freischutz" and Richard
Strauss' "Die schweigmä-
ndige Frau." Yugoslavia is sending
a chamber orchestra and soloists.

EMPEROR VISITS ZOO



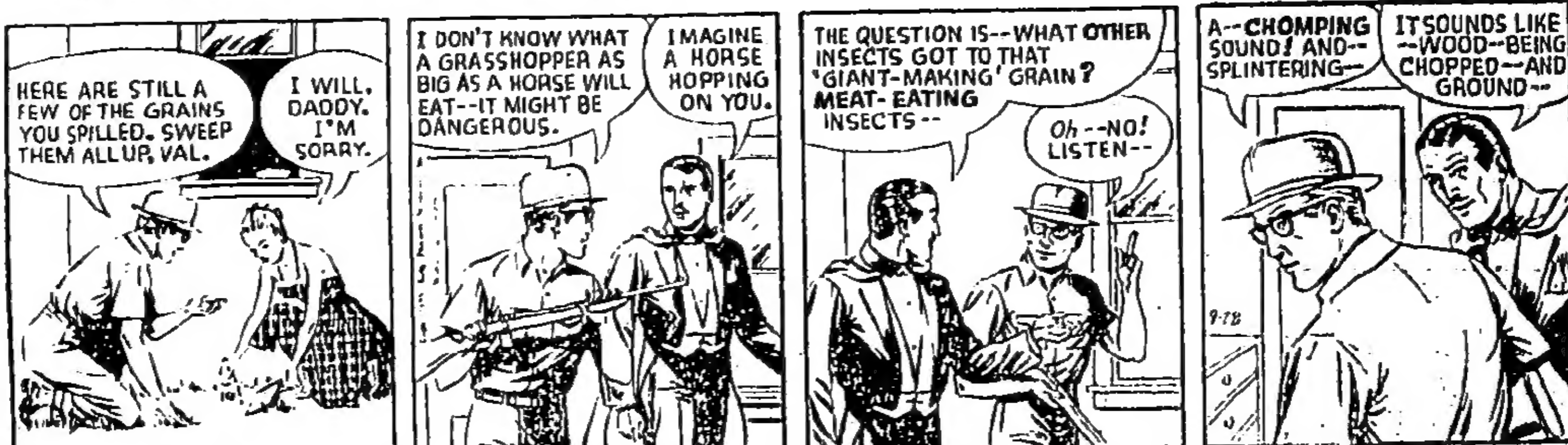
The animals in Ueno Zoo recently had two distinguished
visitors—Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako, making
their second trip to the zoo since the end of the Second World
War. Picture shows the Emperor and Empress gazing at some
elephants.—Express Photo.

George Medal Awards

London, May 1.
The London Gazette tonight
announced that the Queen has
approved the immediate award
of the George Medal to tempo-
rary Police Inspector Hassan
Bin Shahabuddin in recognition
of his gallantry during an
engagement with terrorists in
the Federation of Malaya, and
to Mr. George Henderson, an
assistant adviser, Western Aden
Protectorate, for gallantry
against hostile tribesmen in the
Western Aden Protectorate.

The British Empire Medal is
awarded to Miss Elizabeth
Chew in recognition of her
gallantry when attacked by an
armed assailant in Sarawak—
France-Press.

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'Marriage By Numbers'

In S. Africa Identity Rules Revised After Chaotic Start

Capetown, May 1.
"Marriage by numbers" has now been
accepted in South Africa after a chaotic
start leading to a redefinition of identity
rules.

Couples marrying since April
1 have had to produce identity
numbers as well as their birth
certificates—a sequel to the
compulsory use of identity cards
under the Population Register
Act—but when new marriage
regulations were first applied
last January 1, supplementary
information about parents, with
their identity numbers, was
also demanded.

Detailed Facts

Such confusion and delays
arose that the Minister of the
Interior, Mr. Eben Dönges, ad-
ministering the changes, was
forced to postpone them for
three months for clarification and
simplification.

No immediate provision had
been made, among other things,
for people born overseas or out
of wedlock. Clergy all over
the country were left in un-
happy dilemmas whether to
perform ceremonies or not for
couples who could not produce
all the detailed facts.

Scores of marriages were
delayed or postponed while
Government authorities were
pressed for spot rulings in
uncertain cases. After days
of bickering, the Minister
announced, through the
Africans language press, that
the new regulations would be
suspended for "re-examination."

One English language news-
paper called the marriage
muddle the latest instance by
the Afrikaans-speaking Nationalist
Government of "bureaucratic interference with
the normal lives of citizens by
regulations." Another English
language newspaper called it
"another Dönges blunder."

Press criticism of the way
in which the new regulations
were introduced was almost
unanimous. Even the Nationalist
Party's own newspapers, normal-
ly solidly behind the Govern-
ment, found the first demands
unreasonable.

Should Resign

"A man and woman eager to
marry want to get married and
nothing in the world will con-
vince them that it is in their
own interest first to collect a
number of obstacles and parties
in the way," statistics in far-off
places or even overseas," wrote
the Cape Town Afrikaans
language newspaper, Die
Burger. "If they refuse to
comply with the new require-
ments they will have the over-
whelming support of the
public."

Die Burger warned the ad-
ministration that "the gather-
ing of statistics and the
compilation of forms can be-
come a bureaucratic obsession
against which a good govern-
ment should be watchful."

The Leader of the United
Party (Opposition), Mr. Jacobus
Strauss, said in Parliament at
the time that in "any self re-
specting country" the Minister
would have offered to resign
over the mess made of the new
regulations.

Pledging the repeal of the
Population Register Act im-
mediately his party returned to
power, Mr. Strauss asked
whether South Africans were
to be turned into a "race of
numbers." Was this the shadow
of things to come when any
normal activity would be im-
possible without producing a
number, he added.

Legal Impediment

The Population Register,
started five years ago, is an
attempt to tabulate South
Africa's whole population on a
racial basis with photographs
and numbers.

Over £500,000 sterling has
so far been spent on the task,
still far from complete. Stat-
istics from the Census and
Statistics have been more than
doubled, to nearly 400, to cope
with the work.

Well over 2,000,000 people
have already been photographed
for their identity cards. Many
people have yet to receive
them.

Some reports suggest the ex-
tensive use of identity numbers
in the daily life of the South
African public once the register
is complete. Banks may be
expected to file clients by
numbers instead of names.

Under the amended marriage
regulations now in force, only
the identity numbers and birth
certificates of the couple them-
selves are necessary and not
those of their parents. But it
is also emphasized that nothing
but a legal impediment can stop
a marriage. Required informa-
tion or documents must be pro-
vided later if not available
immediately.

Both Parents

These revised regulations
apply only to South African
residents. People from else-
where who have been in the
country less than a month
when they get married do not
need identity numbers for the
registration of the marriage.
Immigrants to the country need
not produce birth certificates
but must provide identity
numbers.

Identity numbers are based
on the last census taken in
South Africa, in 1951. Anyone
not in the census can be given
a number by applying to the
Bureau of Census and Statistics.
Under the new regulations,
it is still necessary for the
identity numbers of both
parents to be supplied with
the registration of a birth and
the number of the deceased
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ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

IT WAS MARY'S FIRST SLIP

MARY, at 73, is one of those gentle creatures to whom the hurrying world pays scant attention. Her long life has been blameless, and it is one of the ironies that, had it been otherwise, she might have qualified for one or other of the diverse kinds of help reserved exclusively for those who slip from the path of virtue.

As it is, she has had no one to consult but herself when problems have piled up for her like storm clouds.

Mary was born in North London and perhaps as a girl, at the turn of the century, she dreamed of some day escaping from the confines of a dreary, dingy little room and finding a life of freedom and adventure.

ODD JOBS

BUT for her there was to be no escape, and the little streets that were her nursery as a child, now provide a noisome setting for her retirement.

Not that Mary's retirement is quite complete. For out of the £2 a week old age pension she receives, she pays 35s. a week in rent for the unfurnished flat that is her home, and though her demands are modest enough, and her tastes simple, even she cannot live on the 5s. left.

So Mary does odd jobs for a number of people, which earns her a few shillings more and, almost as important, gives her something to think about, something to do.

WARMER INSIDE

THE skies suggested that spring was not far off. Mary decided to go for a walk. Outside, the day proved its treachery, for a thin wind was whistling down the little streets from the north-east. Mary began to shiver.

She could have gone home again, but she spent enough time alone in her flat. She walked to a local cinema, but the picture showing made no appeal to her.

She turned, as she had done often before when the had time on her hands, into a bustling store. At least it was warm in there, and the company of strangers was preferable to no company at all.

BEAUTY AIDS

SHE had 32s. in her purse, but she had no intention of spending any part of it in the store, most of it being earmarked already for buying necessities elsewhere.

Slowly, Mary strolled through the store, a neat little woman with a jaunty independence

Not Guilty

Chau Chiu-sik, 34, of 301 Hennessy Road, second floor, was found not guilty on a charge of exhibiting an indecent film and acquitted by Mr. M. Morley-John at Central this morning.

Lau Yue-ling, 34, of the same address, charged with aiding and abetting, was also acquitted.

Mr. Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam, appeared for the defence. DSI E. P. M. Hunt prosecuted.

Speedboat Without Lights

A fine of \$500 or two months and 14 days was imposed on Chan Koo, 40, master of a speedboat, by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning, for being underway without navigation lights and a certified engineer, and failing to stop when signalled to do so by a Revenue launch.

Chan's vessel, the Silver Shui Mun at about 2 o'clock this morning.

DETECTIVES CHASE TAXIS

Hearing of a case against a Sanitary Department coolie and a vegetable hawk, charged with possession of arms, opened before Mr. W. F. Pickering at Central this morning.

Defendants were Yam Kwai-ching, 22, of 118 Apliu Street, ground floor, and Poon Hok-on, alias On Tsai, 22, of Hut No. 5, 5th Lane, Tai Ching Street, Walled City. They pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Outlining the case, DSI Anderson said that acting on information a party of Police detectives went to Landale Street, Wanchai, to make a search on April 28. They found nothing unusual there and were about to leave when they saw two taxis travelling from that street into Queen's Road East.

The passengers in the two taxis were peering through the windows of the vehicles in a suspicious manner. The detectives went back to their car and gave chase. At the junction of Wanchai Road and Tai Wo Street they intercepted the taxis.

The passengers started to run away. The detectives gave chase and eventually arrested the two defendants who were then in possession of two matches. Police later found another match and a chopper. The case is continuing.

Hit Woman In The Face

Law Ping, a 25-year-old coolie, who assaulted a woman in the street, was sentenced to seven days by Mr. F. X. D'Almada at Central this morning.

The prosecution said the woman, Lee Ming, was leaving the Kam Ling Theatre with two of her friends on the afternoon of April 12 when the defendant approached her and struck her on the face with his fist. He ran away and was arrested by a Police detective and a woman constable.

Mr. Peter C. C. Wong, of Messrs Hastings, who represented the defendant, said defendant had known the complainant. He said the incident arose when the complainant made an abusive remark about him.

He asked the Court to take into consideration that defendant had been in custody for three weeks.

Passing sentence, Mr. D'Almada said defendant "should not go around assaulting women howsoever aggravated he might feel."

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Dad, if Paul and I would get married at 14 years old, do you think they'd put us on television?"

"Automation" Strike Stirs British Newspapers

Coventry, May 2. Complete deadlock was reported today in Britain's first "automation strike" by 11,000 workers at the Standard motor works here.

The men are striking because 3,500 workers are to be laid off during a four million sterling retooling on automatic lines of the Standard plant.

The strikers say that the work should be shared by putting workers on short time, and they fear that some of the 3,500 will be put permanently out of work by the "thinking" machines.

The stoppage is unofficial which means that the strikers cannot draw strike pay, but moves are being made to win the formal backing of unions concerned.

With the strike in its seventh day the British press today devotes front-page reports, feature articles, and editorials to explaining the significance to the nation of this automation dispute.

The right-wing Daily Telegraph declares in its leading front-page report that "Communist agitation in our main industries is completely irresponsible; and that the nation cannot afford strikes which bring important exports to a standstill."

"Some of the energy and candour that were turned last month on the Russian visitors should now be devoted to the home front."

The left-wing mass circulation Daily Mirror declares in a full page editorial: "This is the first big strike that has been fomented by fear of the push-button age."

The Daily Mirror adds that the solution to the problem lies in planning and if men have to go to another town to find work "the government must take responsibility for the change-over."

RESPONSIBILITY

The Liberal News Chronicle urged Sir Anthony Eden's government to "try negotiation, diplomacy, and tact" and to educate employers and workers on the subject.

It added: "It should tell employers to discuss the question with their workers before forming their plans. It is their responsibility, and in their own interest."

Leaders of industry should also look to the United States where automation and consultation are a single process."

The Daily Herald, organ of the opposition Labour Party, said of automation in an editorial: "It is a much more serious problem for Britain's workers and untold injury for Britain's economic life."

"Or it can be a story which paves the way for a vast improvement in national wealth and employment."

"So far the signs are not good. And for that the chief blame rests not on the workers who have resorted to strike action, nor on the employers who have shown themselves hard-hearted in their labour relations, but on the government."

"For the blunt fact is that this is a government with no plan to meet the age of automation. It has been warned, but nothing is ready."

Appeal Against Judge's Order

One of three brothers involved in an action over 11,500 shares in the Hongkong Tramways Co., brought an appeal before the Full Court this morning against an order of Mr Justice Reynolds made in Chambers.

The appellant was the first defendant in the action, E. S. Kong of 127 Robinson Road. He was ordered by Mr Reynolds on April 14 to file within five days further particulars of defence to a claim brought by his brother, S. L. Kong (plaintiff) of 125 Robinson Road which alleged that the shares were bought between 1938 and 1941 with partnership money.

The second defendant in the main action is another brother, S. M. Kong.

E. S. Kong filed a defence that the shares were bought with his own personal monies and not with those of the partnership.

The Judge ordered further particulars regarding the dates on which the shares were bought; the numbers of the shares; whether they were paid for by cash or cheque; if by cash from what source; and if by cheque, the name of the bank.

The Full Court hearing the appeal comprises the Chief Justice, Mr. M. J. H. H. and Senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice C. W. R. R.

The appellant, E. S. Kong, is represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada QC and Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr. A. W. K. Lui; and the respondent, S. L. Kong, by Mr. John McNeill QC, Mr. Brooke Bernachi and Mr. Oswald Bernard, instructed by Mr. P. A. L. Vine.

SUBMISSIONS

Mr. Justice Reynolds should not have made the order for further particulars. It was quite clear that the particulars sought were really the kind of particulars the plaintiff was entitled to know the nature of the case he had to meet or to prevent him from being taken by surprise. They were particulars seeking out what evidence the defendant would rely upon to prove his case.

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"Dad, if Paul and I would get married at 14 years old, do you think they'd put us on television?"

Stage shows are the thing of the next few weeks in Hong Kong and although they do not come under the heading of "records" as a rule, I would like to mention one or two of them which opens at the Princess Theatre next week is one of the biggest stage productions to be seen here since the war and I have heard reports from Japan that the show is really good. Some of the singers have recorded in the Philippines and the scenery is of the highest standard.

Another local visit is the Los Angeles Philharmonic and of course the big US Air Force band-cum-orchestra. Both of these groups have recorded and discs of the first are available in the colony.

Once again the question arises: why doesn't someone bring out some of the big name popular singers? The Far East circuit includes Singapore and Tokyo but never Hong Kong. A few weeks ago I mentioned that some of the top stars were coming but there is still no further news.

The names mentioned to me included Patti Page and I know that for the past two years the rumour that Patti is coming has been circulating from time to time. It's time someone did come.

THE DUCHIN STORY

The next film biography of a music maker is to be "The Eddy Duchin Story". You may remember that I expressed an opinion about it a month ago that it was about Louis Armstrong but now I can tell you that it is Eddy who receives the treatment. The part is played by Tyrone Power, who has a lovely star of "Pittsburgh" Kim Novak, a lovely female lead, Eddy Duchin, now dead, was one of the most popular of pianists in the 1920's. You will be hearing more about him before the film arrives but I doubt if the public will pay quite as much attention to him as the films about Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman.

ODDS AND ENDS

Among the stars signed up for local recordings by Europe's biggest label are Lola Young, very popular Chinese film star, and a local who used to sing at the Princess Garden Restaurant and Lui Gee. In just a few months the first releases will be out and the distribution set up will see them in all major Asian cities.

A short due to be recorded is "Nightfall" based on Paul Whitman's tone poem "Inspiration". This number will be the theme music for a film of the same name starring Aldo Ray, Anne Bancroft and Brian Keith.

"THE MOUNTAIN" SONG

More progress to report on the theme song from the locally made English dialogue film "The Mountain's Bowl". As mentioned before one of the big American companies is definitely interested in it and a vice-president of the company is expected to drop in from Japan quite soon to discuss the details. Already the local bands have been playing the song, "Beneath the Mountain of Peace" and they report that the public are beginning to request it.

THE STARS SING

Not content with having played almost every part there is, Burl Lancaster has now undertaken a musical. May 11 was the example set by Marion Brande. The number of film stars who have made records is increasing. We have heard Bruno's voice singing the "Guys and Dolls" numbers and of course Jean Sinsmons had a 50-50.

There is also a record in existence of Lucille Ball doing a number with husband Desi Arnaz.

Mr. Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe, now business partners have put their voices on record and so have many other of the big Hollywood names. Who, I wonder, will be next?

Spring Floods

Chicago, May 1. Flash floods forced several hundred Texans from their homes today and crippling rains in the south-eastern United States are expected to bring the heaviest blow from the fiercest spring weather. United Press.

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